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TO AMEMBASSY ACCRA

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER CO. REPRESENTATIVES

1. J. A. MINTON, MANAGER OF PROJECTS, AND J.J. RIEDL, GENERAL MANAGER OF RUBBER DIVISION, GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER CO. PLAN TO VISIT ACCRA JANUARY 29-31 TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITIES FOR INVESTING IN A RUBBER PLANTATION AND PROCESSING PLANT. THEY ENVISAGE A PLANTATION OF FROM 30,000 TO 50,000 ACRES AND WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AVAILABILITY OF LAND, POSSIBILITY OF LONG-TERM CONCESSIONS AT REASONABLE LEASE RATES, AND AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL PARTNERS FOR A POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE.

2. GOODYEAR OFFICIALS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR THE VISIT. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT FIRM APPOINTMENTS CANNOT BE MADE SO FAR IN ADVANCE BUT THEY WOULD LIKE TO AVOID MAKING TRIP IF KEY OFFICIALS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION. THEY WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR EARLY IN VISIT AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COURTESY CALLS ON COMMISSIONERS OF AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TALK TO KEY DECISION MAKING OFFICIALS IN

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THESE MINISTRIES. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THEY TALK

TO ROBERT GARDINER IN ECONOMIC PLANNING.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE GOODYEAR OFFICIALS IN DETERMINING WHETHER KEY OFFICIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS AND ANY OTHER ADVICE WHICH MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO GOODYEAR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED VENTURE. PLEASE REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT WE MAY INFORM GOODYEAR.

4. EXACT ITINERARY OF GOODYEAR OFFICIALS IS AS FOLLOWS:

JAN. 29 AR ACCRA 3:15 P.M. VIA GH 549

JAN. 31 LV ACCRA 10:05 P.M. VIA PA 185

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